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Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Named

Robert W. Williams has been selected as Supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Vancouver, Wash., effective September 18. His new assignment includes the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. He succeeds Robert (Bob) D. Tokarczyk (Ta-kar-zik) who retired in June.

Williams is currently a staff assistant in the Forest Service's Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C. He has served in that capacity since August 1982. From November 1981 through August 1982, Williams served an Intern Fellowship in Congressional Operations working in the offices of Congressman Dick Cheney of Wyoming and Senator William Armstrong of Colorado. A veteran of 26 years in the Forest Service, Williams, 48, is a native of Rochester, Minnesota, and has a degree in forest management from the University of Minnesota (1957).

He has also served as forester and assistant district ranger on the Payette (Idaho) National Forest, district ranger on the Dixie (Utah) National Forest, deputy forest supervisor of the Boise (Idaho) National Forest and forest supervisor of the Beaverhead (Montana) National Forest.

He is active in the Society of American Foresters, American Forestry Association and the American Political Science Association.

Williams and his wife Mary Jane are the parents of three adult sons.

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